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11. A redispersible composition comprising a polymer, said polymer containing silanol groups, said silanol groups being protected with at least one protective group.
 12. The redispersible composition of claim 11 wherein said composition is in the form of a powder.
 13. The redispersible composition of claim 11 wherein said protective group comprises a hydroxy-containing compound.
 14. The redispersible composition of claim 13 wherein said hydroxy-containing compound comprises a polyol.
 15. The redispersible composition of claim 14 wherein said polyol comprises a polyhydric alcohol in the form of trimethylolpropane, glycol, diethylene glycol, butane triol, pentane triol, hexane triol, pentaerythriol, or mixtures thereof.
 16. The redispersible composition of claim 13 wherein polyol comprises a polymer with more than two hydroxy groups.
 17. The redispersible composition of claim 16 wherein said polyol comprises polyvinyl alcohol.
 18. An aqueous system comprising water and the redispersible compound of claim 11.
 19. A process for the preparation of a redispersible material comprising reacting a polymer containing at least one silanol group with a compound having a protective function for said silanol group to yield a polymer having silanol groups protected by protective groups.
 20. The process of claim 19 further comprising subsequently recovering a redispersible, pulvulent material from the polymer having silanol groups protected by protective groups.
 21. The process of claim 19 wherein said redispersible, pulvulent material is recovered by spray drying or freeze drying.